

I've just had an interview with a man who never guesses whom. Will Rogers, the Oklahoma cowboy, whose witty wisdom has become the talk of the town and whose income would make President Harding envious.

Knowing that I write for business people, Will remarked that he would give me a strictly business talk.

He started out with the following solution for international debt problems: "Have France buy from Germany all the light wines and beer at German prices, and sell them to us at the prices prevailing here. That will give France enough money to pay England and us both and restore us to where we were before the war."

His next comment on international affairs was: "I see the big fellows in Europe were holding a conference in London. It fell through. It's awful hard for nations to pay each other without one them having some money. I called it an economic conference, and as we didn't attend it was."

Next: "We are getting along too good. We are getting to be too prosperous. Don't you know that over and above taxes we are now allowed to keep about 10 per cent of our gross earnings? Washington thinks that's too much. So we are going to make another loan to Europe. Europe owes us eleven billion dollars already, and we're going to let her have a billion and a half more. This will make twelve and a half billions. This will make it much easier to figure the interest. We're not going to get any interest, of course, but it must be figured."

Will has quite an idea of the importance of J. P. Morgan, as you will have no difficulty in gathering from the following: "Mr. Morgan paid a little visit to Washington the other day. I knew there would be something doing when I heard he had gone down there. He goes to Washington every year and lays out the following year's program. Then he goes to Europe and he maps out their schedule. Then he is through for the year and goes back and sits down and collects. What a tough life that bird has!"

His next was: "I notice by the papers that Allan Ryan has come out of the bankruptcy court with a coat of whiteness on. He says he has reformed and that he is going to do better next time. To my way of thinking, he didn't badly last time, he failed for only a little more than ten millions."

This little tribute he paid to the bankers: "Bankers, I see, are very, very strongly against the soldiers' bonus. But they are just as strongly in favor of the bankers' bonus. You used to pay interest when you got a loan. But now the bankers won't let you have a loan just."

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Leaves Most of Estate For Reform Movements

Two-thirds of the estate of Dr. Elbur F. Crafts, head of the International Reform Bureau, who died December 27, will be devoted to the "larger circle of love" or the brotherhood of man, according to the document filed in the probate court here yesterday.

The other third is bequeathed to the widow, Mrs. Sara J. Crafts, in addition to the proceeds of life insurance policies, books, manuscripts, etc. The trustees named in the will are two thirds which is to be devoted to the "larger circle of love," one of the funds so entrusted, the will provides, is to be spent for salaries but is all to be devoted to the regulation of books and documents relating to civic and moral reforms.

B. Basset of New Britain, Conn., and Frank S. Ray of this city are named executors.

Children to Tour Banks On Thrift Week Opening

Benjamin Franklin's birthday, January 17, opening day of the Thrift Week campaign, will be known as Bank Day. It was decided yesterday. School children will visit various banks and have business details explained. Thomas Dekman, of the Franklin National bank is chairman of the Bank Day committee.

Months for hitting COP

DRASTIC REVISION OF TRAFFIC CODE HERE URGED

ENO PROPOSES STEPS TOWARD IDEAL SYSTEM

International Authority Tells Commissioners Accidents in City Could Be Reduced Half

MANY CHANGES ARE ASKED

Expert Would Alter Method of Obtaining Licenses and Also Overhaul the Entire Code

Revision of the District traffic code, affecting almost every detail, was urged yesterday by William Phelps Eno, international traffic authority and chairman of the traffic committee recently appointed by the District Commissioners.

This sweeping recommendation was made during an address before the subcommittee of the public order committee of the Washington Board of Trade.

CHANGES PROPOSED. The corrections specified were: Changes in the method by which drivers obtain permits; correction of the parking laws; and a general overhauling of the traffic regulations.

In outlining plans for improvement of the traffic situation here, "Mr. Eno said, 'The first thing to do is to adopt general regulations as a foundation for all which is to follow. The next steps, in my opinion, are to study the question of ranking and parking of vehicles and gradually to correct the methods employed here; to use paint freely in marking crosswalks, prohibited, danger and safety zones on scientific principles; to repaint signs, standards and dummy cops according to approved methods. The method of obtaining drivers' permits and licenses should be revised as well as everything else in the District of Columbia that pertains to traffic, including the standardization of police signals.'"

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CONDUCTIVE TO CARELESSNESS. Elimination of the regulation giving the right-of-way to the motorist on the right was strongly urged by committee members. It was declared to be conducive to carelessness and the cause of numerous accidents.

It was asserted that it would be better to have no right-of-way system at all, leaving the situation entirely to the judgment of motorists. Fire Chief George Watson said that in the event of an accident, with the present system, claim can be made by one of the parties that he had the right-of-way, and having the law on his side, win out in court, even though the crash was caused by sheer carelessness on his part.

Much discussion also was held on the speeding problem, some favoring elimination of speed laws. It was pointed out that under the present regulations three different rates of speed are legal within a radius of one-half mile, making confusion and adding to traffic officers' difficulties.

Arrest of all violators of every traffic regulation was urged by William E. Luckett, who stated that "it is the only way to cut down the number of accidents and deaths due to careless and reckless driving."

HEADLIGHT STATUTE. That the District of Columbia is the only area in the Northeastern part of the United States having no adequate headlight law, was stated by W. Pearce Rayner, chairman of the subcommittee. It is understood that a recommendation along the following lines will be adopted by the body soon:

"On account of the insufficient lighting of many of our streets, the adoption of a scientific headlight regulation based on the principle of the adoption of lenses or other deflecting devices for headlights which will deflect the beam to an approximate height of forty-two inches from the ground at seventy-five feet in front of the car, which will permit the use of sufficient light, without glare, to protect pedestrians and motorists alike, is urged. The headlight law of the State of Connecticut is a model law, developed from scientific investigation by the Society of Illuminating Engineers, and we ask the adoption of the same law for the District."

This recommendation was made several years ago by the Public Order Committee of the Board of Trade.

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Soldier Indicted Of Robbing Boy With Toy Pistol

A TEN cent glass pistol and fifty cents in silver proved to be the undoing of Joseph F. Winmore, a soldier stationed at Camp A. A. Humphreys, Va. The soldier was held for the grand jury yesterday by Judge Hardison in Police Court under \$1,500 bond on a charge of robbery preferred by Thomas West, a sixteen-year-old colored boy.

The boy said that Winmore approached him on Christmas Eve near Freedmen's Hospital, poked a glass pistol in his ribs and took all his money, amounting to fifty cents, and then made him run down the street. The pistol was exhibited in evidence by Detective Livingston. Winmore denied that he was the robber.

NEW MASONIC HEAD ENTERS ON DUTIES

Mark F. Finley, Sr., Begins By Naming H. G. Kimball Junior Grand Steward.

Mark F. Finley, sr., who was elected by unanimous vote at the Masonic Temple Wednesday night as Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, entered upon his duties yesterday.

His first official act was to appoint Henry G. Kimball, prominent Washington attorney, as Junior Grand Steward.

Grand Master Finley is a Past Grand Master of Hiram Lodge, No. 10, and was president of the Association of Worshipful Masters in 1904. He is a past high priest of Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Mason, and grand master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the District of Columbia.

He also is an officer of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar and a member of the Scottish Rite and Mystic Shrine.

Junior Grand Steward Kimball is a past grand master of the grand master's own lodge. He is a son of the late Judge Ivory G. Kimball, a member of the District bar and an officer of the Kiwanis Club.

Other officers for 1923, comprising last year's officers, moved up one place, follow:

Charles F. Roberts, deputy grand master; Eugene Fulkerson, senior grand warder; Sidney R. Jacobs, junior grand warder; Arvine W. Johnston, grand secretary; Charles E. Baldwin, grand treasurer; Thomas H. Young, grand lecturer; Bert V. Wolfe, assistant grand lecturer; Rev. John C. Palmer, grand chaplain; Rev. David R. Covell, assistant grand chaplain; Gratz E. Dunkum, grand marshal; James T. Gibbs, senior grand deacon; Wisdom D. Brown, junior grand deacon; James A. West, grand sword bearer; C. Fred Cook, grand pursuivant; Reuben A. Eogley, senior grand steward; William P. Herbst, grand tier.

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JOINT COMMITTEE TO URGE CITY NEEDS

Adequate School System Will Be Advocated By Organization.

WORK TO BE CO-ORDINATED

Purpose Is to Eliminate "Crossed Wires" Before Congressional Body.

The Joint Committee for Civic Betterment, composed of representatives of leading Washington organizations, is preparing to battle for an adequate school system for the District.

Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the committee, yesterday said that a meeting will be held next week and that the school problem will be thoroughly discussed. Many of the constituent members of the committee have taken an active interest in the campaign being waged here for better schools, and individually have worked enthusiastically for the cause.

Henry H. Glasie, chairman of the Citizens Committee of Five recently appointed by Dr. Abram Simon, president of the Board of Education, to study school conditions, is a member of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, which is represented on the joint committee.

The principal purpose of the joint committee is to co-ordinate the work of the various organizations striving for the same objectives, and to present to Congress a unified front on matters of vital interest to the District. It has been pointed out that on occasions, members of Congress have been "bombed" by committees whose "crossed wires" has often led to defeat of certain legislative projects.

Most of the work of the joint committee has been that of organization so far and the outlining of a plan of action upon which to work. With the coming meeting, it is expected definite moves will be made along several lines of civic betterment.

One of the most important movements which will receive the special consideration of the committee, is that of District representation in Congress. While many organizations have appealed for suffrage, a well-directed drive may be conducted by the joint committee, Secretary Columbus indicated yesterday.

Embodied in the annual report of practically every civic body in Washington, the condition of certain Washington streets will be investigated by the committee, recommendations made looking toward improvement.

In pointing out the accomplishments of the committee, Columbus said that the safety movement, taken up by the Chamber of Commerce, had originated in the joint organization. This, he stated, proved the worth of the group in bringing out constructive ideas and plans.

While no definite date for the meeting has been determined, the annual meeting of the committee will be held at a number of names which constituent organizations in order that annual reports may give the committee an opportunity to review and coordinate the written opinions of the various groups.

Announces Nominations For C. of C. Directors

Announcement was made by A. E. Seymour, secretary of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, of a partial list of names which have been submitted for election as members of the board of directors of the organization. They are: Martin Weigand, Ross P. Andrews, Harry King, Warren C. Kendall, Burd W. Payne, Gen. Anton Stehman, Henry E. Davis, Charles F. Roberts, Michael Heister, Sidney West, A. C. Berry, William J. Eynon and Harley V. Spielman.

Other names may be added until January 16, the date of the Chamber's annual meeting. The last meeting of the board will be held in headquarters in the Homer building next Tuesday, at 8 p. m.

Girls of Christ Child Society Attend Theater

Girl members of the Christ Child Society, 324 Indiana avenue, attended the Strand Theater yesterday afternoon as guests of the management. Boy members of the Society were entertained by the Strand management on Tuesday and expressed keen delight with Lillie Faulkner's marionettes. Miss E. Heany accompanied the children to the theater yesterday.

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Manuel Herrick On Way Here In His Own Airplane

Oklahoma Representative Driving Machine Through the Clouds to Capital.

Representative Manuel Herrick, of Oklahoma, is on his way to Washington via airplane, according to a message received at his office yesterday.

The Oklahoma legislator was leaving Americus, Ga., yesterday morning, the message stated. He is driving his own plane.

A pilot in another plane is also making the trip.

They had not arrived in Washington up to a late hour last night.

New Bus Line Petition Denied By Commission

Holding that the public interest does not warrant a bus line from Fifteenth street and Maryland avenue northeast to Twenty-first and B streets northwest, the application of the United Transportation Company for the new bus line was denied yesterday by the Public Utilities Commission.

The commission declared that if there was a demand for service on that route it should be operated in conjunction with the street railway.

"The section of the District to be covered by this motor bus line," the commission declared, "is entirely within the built-up portion of the city, now adequately served by the existing street railway lines. The testimony shows that the running time of the buses may be less between certain points than is the case with the street railways, but the route of the buses practically parallels the street car lines and would be in direct competition with them."

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AMENDMENTS DELAY STERLING MEASURE

Subcommittee Will Report Tuesday If Changes Are Accepted.

The Sterling reclassification bill, affecting the salaries of virtually every Government employee in the District of Columbia, will be reported out of the subcommittee next Tuesday, and immediately thereafter to the Senate provided the committee can agree on certain amendments, Senator Smoot chairman of the subcommittee, said yesterday.

While members of the committee would not discuss the nature of the amendments, it was learned that they will be proposed by Senator Smoot.

The subcommittee chairman, in discussing the bill recently, declared that in its present shape it is unworkable and would have to undergo a revision in some particulars before he would consent to reporting it out of his committee.

Cited for Failing to Pay Wife's Lawyer \$175 Fee

T. Alfred Robertson, a salesman employed by the Columbia Rope Company, of Auburn, N. Y., residing at the Chastleton apartments, was ordered yesterday by Justice Siddons in Equity Court to appear on January 5 and show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt for his alleged failure to pay Alfred D. Smith, his wife's lawyer, \$175 counsel fees.

Mrs. Julia M. Robertson, the wife, obtained an interlocutory decree for absolute divorce on October 31 and was awarded \$200 a month alimony. The couple have two children. Mrs. Robertson accused him of misconduct with a woman in the Chastleton.

Policeman Loses New Overcoat

Policeman Rudolph Schoenfeld, of the Eighth precinct, owned a brand new overcoat with nice shiny brass buttons on it.

It looks now like it had been run over by a steamboat—having been torn from "ear to ear" by Clarence Martin and rendered absolutely useless.

Martin didn't like the looks of the inside of the patrol wagon the other night when arrested for being drunk and took spite out on Schoenfeld, who was the official chaperone for drunks.

Judge Hardison, in Police Court yesterday, gave Martin sixty days in the house.

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